

Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment Work Group

7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:19 pm.

Committee members: John Keshick, Marci Reyes, Mike Naganashe

Legislative Branch Staff: Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Legislative Services

Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Assistance Yvonne McShane

Guests: Mandy Szocinski, Doug Craven, Alan Proctor, Douglas Sprague, Matt Lesky, James Laba, Catherine Laba, Andrew Stich

- A. Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the agenda as amended.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

- B. Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of March 24, 2014, as presented.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

- C. Motion by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Reyes to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014, as presented.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

- D. Discussion Items

1. Proposal for Professional Forestry Services Agreement from Keith Martell.

Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the proposal from Martell Forestry, Inc. to prepare a Forest Management Plan with funding to come from line item 1917-Farm Fund and any monies reimbursed by the USDA will be deposited back into line item 1917.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

2. Conservation Assessment Plan proposal from Bill Borgeld. Doug Craven will schedule a date for a walk-through on the farm, now that the snow is melting.

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3. RFP for community garden acreage. An RFP has been prepared and posted at the LTBB website for the planting and maintaining 12 acres of vegetable to be planted as a test crop. Councilor Keshick is going to give Purchasing Agent Mandy Szocinski a copy of the map of the property along with an equipment list.

(Councilor Naganashe left the meeting at 5:06 pm.)

4. Notice for requesting Letters of Interest for tentative Corporate Board.

Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Keshick to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the posting of the Request for Letters of Interest for tentative Corporate Board- Ziibimijwang, Inc.

2-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Mike Naganashe)

Motion carried.

5. Corporate charter review. A draft was distributed for suggestions and discussion.
6. Date to meet with Tuthill regarding irrigation. Councilor Keshick is following up with Mr. Tuthill.
7. Strategic Planning Session results- Bee hives discussion. Discussion of different potential uses of bee hives, honey and wax.
8. Discussion on newsletter and annual meeting presentation. Councilor Keshick is preparing an article for the newsletter and PowerPoint and handouts for the annual meeting.
9. Three-Sisters Garden: Tabled

- E. Public Comment opened at 5:50 pm
Tribal Citizens Andrew Stich-asked about the crops, bee keeping and diesel fuel.
James Laba-discussed planting of sunflowers, and organic farming.
Public Comment closed at 6:06 pm

- F. Next meeting:

Monday, April 28, 2014 at 4:00 pm; Council Chambers

- G. Adjournment

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Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Keshick to adjourn at 6:07 pm.

2-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Mike Naganashe)

Motion carried.